

# FAST FACTS ON THE “2019 PROGRAMS”

## TALKING POINTS

We are using every tool in our toolbox to support the growth, retention and creation of new businesses.

Montana’s so-called 2019 programs generate revenue for the state.

Since 2012, this suite of economic development tools has allowed the Department of Commerce and its partner organizations to assist almost 13,000 businesses and entrepreneurs. That’s six businesses supported each day.

This assistance has resulted in the creation or retention of more than 13,000 jobs. Montana’s small investment in strengthening our economy is paying off – which is why we can’t afford to go backward.



## WHAT ARE THE “2019 PROGRAMS”



- Small Business Development Centers
- Cooperative Development Centers
- Certified Regional Development Corporations
- Growth Through Agriculture
- Export Trade
- Small Business Research
- Montana Manufacturing Extension Center at MSU
- Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology

## HOW ARE THE “2019 PROGRAMS” FUNDED

Created by the Legislature in 2000 and renewed in 2009, the programs are funded through the coal severance tax in 15-35-108 MCA. In all, the state invests \$3.06 million in this suite of programs each year.

These programs sunset on July 1, 2019.

**MONTANA**

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
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Exhibit 1